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SUBJECT: NSF/SFCP GRANT, EARTHQUAKE AND WIND EFFECT
MITIGATION WORKSHOP -

PARA 1:

FOLLOWING A SERIES OF MEETINGS IN THE U.S. AND INDIA BETWEEN SCIENTISTS OF BOTH COUNTRIES CONCERNED WITH EARTHQUAKE AND WIND ENGINEERING, A PROPOSAL FROM CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY WAS RECEIVED BY NSF FOR HOLDING A WORKSHOP IN INDIA THE FOLLOWING ARE PARTICULARS OF THE SUGGESTED WORKSHOP:

1. OBJECTIVES: TO IDENTIFY AND DEVELOP COOPERATIVE RESEARCH PROPOSALS IN EARTHQUAKE AND WIND EFFECT MITIGATION.

2. SCOPE: THE FOLLOWING AREAS HAVE CURRENTLY BEEN
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IDENTIFIED AS OF PRIMARY SCIENTIFIC INTEREST:

A. EXPERIMENTAL INVESTIGATION OF EARTHQUAKE RESISTANCE OF STRUCTURES SUCH AS DAMS AND BUILDINGS USING MODELS. FACTORS TO BE CONSIDERED INCLUDE SCALE EFFECTS, GEOMETRY, MATERIALS AND SOIL-STRUCTURE INTERACTION.

B. GENERATION OF EARTHQUAKE-LIKE GROUND MOTIONS USING
CONTAINED EXPLOSIVE TECHNIQUES.

C. MEASUREMENT OF WIND LOADS AND RESPONSES ON STRUC-
TURES.

D. STRENGTHENING OF MASONRY STRUCTURES TO PROVIDE
EARTHQUAKE RESISTANCE AND SAFETY.

3. PARTICIPANTS: TEN TO TWELVE FROM EACH COUNTRY.

4. TIME: O/A FEBRUARY 1979

5. LOCATION OF WORKSHOP: PREFERABLY IN DELHI

6. FUNDING:

A. U.S. NSF WOULD SUPPORT TRAVEL AND LIVING EXPENSES OF
U.S. PARTICIPANTS, AND PREPARATIONS IN THE U.S.

B. THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT WOULD SUPPORT INDIAN PARTICI-
PANTS COSTS, WOULD MAKE ALL ARRANGEMENTS FOR MEETING
ROOMS, SLIDE PROJECTORS, SECRETARIAL AND RELATED
SUPPORT, AND WOULD TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR PUBLISH-
ING PROCEEDINGS RESULTING FROM WORKSHOP.
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PARA 2:

EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO OBTAIN GOI REACTION TO SUGGESTED
PROPOSAL, SPECIFICALLY:

1. GOI INTEREST IN AND APPROVAL OF WORKSHOP.
2. GOI APPROVAL OF WORKSHOP DETAILS DISCUSSED ABOVE.
3. GOI APPROVAL OF TAKING RESPONSIBILITY FOR ARRANGEMENT
OF WORKSHOP FACILITIES.
4. APPOINTMENT OF AN OFFICIAL CONTACT POINT REGARDING
WORKSHOP.

PARA 3:

UPON RECEIPT OF GOI APPROVAL OF SUGGESTED PLAN, NSF WILL
FORMALLY PROCESS THE PROPOSAL (FROM CAL. TECH.) FOR THE
WORKSHOP. EMBASSY RESPONSE REQUESTED ASAP. VANCE

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